



## Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

<b>Agency name</b>	Department of Health (State Board of)
<b>Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation</b>	12 VAC 5-11 (adopt); 12 VAC 5-10 (repeal)
<b>Regulation title</b>	Public Participation Guidelines
<b>Action title</b>	Adopt model public participation guidelines and repeal old ones
<b>Final agency action date</b>	September 24, 2008
<b>Document preparation date</b>	September 24, 2008

When a regulatory action is exempt from executive branch review pursuant to § 2.2-4002 or § 2.2-4006 of the Virginia Administrative Process Act (APA), the agency is encouraged to provide information to the public on the Regulatory Town Hall using this form.

Note: While posting this form on the Town Hall is optional, the agency must comply with requirements of the Virginia Register Act, the *Virginia Register Form, Style, and Procedure Manual*, and Executive Orders 36 (06) and 58 (99).

### Summary

*Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.*

The Board's new public participation guidelines (PPGs) reflect a state government-wide effort to establish a set of model guidelines, i.e., reasonable and workable requirements, to be followed in the case of each regulatory action undertaken by the State Board of Health (with the directed assistance of the Department of Health), for promoting public involvement in the development, amendment or repeal of its regulations. The PPGs do not differ in any substantial way from the model guidelines, allowing this action to move forward exempt from executive review.

**Statement of final agency action**

*Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including (1) the date the action was taken, (2) the name of the agency taking the action, and (3) the title of the regulation.*

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On September 24, 2008, the Chief Deputy Commissioner of Health, exercising the duly delegated authority of the State Health Commissioner (who holds all the authority of the State Board of Health when it is not in session, as provided by Section 32.1-20 of the Virginia Code) adopted the final regulations identified above.

**Family impact**

*Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.*

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This regulatory action will not directly affect the institution of the family or family stability in any appreciable way.